

# ROBERTS'S ARMY MOVES.

## BOERS UNDER GEN. JOUBERT MASSING

### HOW "BILLY" MOLONEY GOT \$500,000 FROM THIRD AVE. RAILROAD.

### \$1,500,000 THE TOTAL COST OF KINGSBRIDGE FRANCHISE.

Details of the Great Loot Show Staggering Payments Under Queer Contracts and the Hand of Politics in the Wrecking.

Somebody Got \$5,400,000 that the Luddled Books and Chaotic Statements Do Not Record—\$16,300,000 Paid for Changing the Motive Power.



"BILLY" MOLONEY.

Here is a statement of how \$1,500,000 of the looted Third Avenue Railroad was squandered. Politicians have been whispering it for months, and the Maset Committee was prepared to probe it when the investigation was turned in another direction.

When the Third Avenue road wanted the Kingsbridge franchise unexpected objections were offered by the Board of Aldermen. According to the reports of Maset detectives, the Third Avenue people were bluntly told that the franchise they asked was a valuable one, and that certain persons would have to be seen or the measure could not be passed.

Many stories, with names and amounts, have been told. One who claims to be acquainted with the details of the negotiations is authority for the statement that \$500,000 was finally raised to secure the franchise. There was much discussion as to the person to hold the money, and the same authority said that "Billy" Moloney, formerly clerk of the "Boodler" Board of Aldermen, was selected.

Just before the first vote was taken on the franchise Billy Moloney is reported to have mysteriously left New York. No one knew where he had gone, and with his disappearance came the statement that there had been no distribution of the \$500,000.

**HAD TO RAISE \$500,000 MORE**

The men who were conducting the negotiations for the company were dumfounded. But what could they do? They could not afford to make the affair public; they could only suffer in silence. And so, as the story goes, they accepted their loss of half a million and promptly raised another half million to replace what had gone.

This second sum is said to have reached the proper persons. In any event, the franchise was granted.

But the road had not relinquished the public. There was an outcry against the "squandering" of the \$1,000,000.

World stepped in with an injunction, the franchise was rescinded, and finally ordered put up at public auction. The Third Avenue road was the purchaser, and thus thrice did it pay for the Kingsbridge privilege.

It is estimated that the money spent in securing the franchise after Moloney's disappearance was in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000. This made the total sum sunk by the road in this one transaction \$1,500,000.

From that period of the road's affiliation with politicians is based its culminating ruin of Tuesday last, when from one of the best investment properties of this metropolis it passed into the hands of a receiver, and hundreds of the holders of its stock were hopelessly ruined. The Evening World has conducted a special inquiry into the condition of the road, the circumstances which led to the downfall, and the result is astounding.

**NAUGHTON & CO. GRAB.**

Contract Made a Virtual Delivery of the Road into Hands of Contractors.

When the Third Avenue Road decided that it had made a colossal mistake in installing the cable system at a cost of millions, the decision was reached to rectify the error by adopting the underground trolley. Bids for the work were made by Hopper & Co., John D. Crimmins and Naughton & Co. Of these three bids that presented by Naughton was the least favorable to the road. The company wanted Crimmins to do the work.

Early in October, 1898, Crimmins was called to the office of the road on Third Avenue.

"Go ahead with the job, John," said President Elias. "We'll make the contract later."

John D. Crimmins put men to work at once, but soon he struck a snag in the way of street opening privileges, etc. was not in favor with the powers of Tammany Hall.

**CRIMMINS FROZEN OUT.**

Again Crimmins was called to President Elias's office.

"John," he said, "we'll have to call that contract off. How much do we owe you?"

Crimmins named his withdrawal price. It was paid. Thus ended his connection with the road.

And why? Down Tammany Hall way it was known that Crimmins was not on the best of terms with the controlling powers. At this period, unfortunately for him, he had made some caustic public remarks about the turning down of Judge Daly, which displeased Richard Croker.

President Elias was told that Naughton & Co. should have the Third Avenue contract. Naughton & Co. got it. The contract in effect was this:

We, the Third Avenue Railroad Company, give Naughton & Co. the free right to reconstruct this road as they please.

We give them the right to employ, without restriction, as many men as they please.

We give them the right to purchase materials without restriction.

We do not require that the road be worked.

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### M'KINLEY AND PARTY HERE.

President and Mrs. McKinley at Manhattan Hotel.

President McKinley is in town. He is quartered at the Manhattan Hotel. With the President are Mrs. McKinley, Dr. Rixey, Private Secretary Corley and Stenographer Barnes.

The party left Washington at 11 o'clock this morning. The President's special car was attached to the fast express which leaves at that time.

The Presidential party arrived in Jersey City at 4:30 P. M.

The party entered two carriages and were driven to the Twenty-third street ferry, where they took a boat for this city.

At the station to greet the Presidential party were Abner McKinley, the President's brother, and Miss Mabel McKinley, his niece.

This evening all the members of the party with the exception of the President will attend the performance of "Brother Officers at the Empire Theatre."

The stay of the President will be short. He will return to Washington with Mrs. McKinley on Monday next.

The Ohio Society will banquet the President to-morrow night in the Waldorf-Astoria. President McKinley says that his visit has no political significance.

During the President's stay in town he will be guarded by two detectives from the Central Office.

Capt. McClusky has assigned Detectives Funston and Roy to see that the President is not annoyed by cranks or curiosity seekers.

The Manhattan Hotel is decorated and a throng has gathered about since the President's arrival hoping to get a glimpse of him.

### QUERY FOR M'KINLEY.

**Senate Asks for Report on Saloons in Manila Since Our Troops Occupied Place.**

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Mr. Pettigrew secured the adoption of the following resolution in the Senate to-day: "That the President be requested, if not incompatible with the public interest, to send to the Senate a statement of the number of saloons that have been established in Manila, P. I., since the occupation of that city by the United States forces; who conducts these saloons, who are their patrons and what kind of liquors are sold and the quantity of such liquor."

The President is also requested to inform the Senate of the number, if any, of saloons run on the American or English plan in Manila before we occupied the place. The President is also requested to inform the Senate whether or not it is within his power as commander-in-chief of our military forces to suppress all saloons in Manila and prohibit and prevent the sale of liquor to our soldiers.

### POPE LEO ON THE WAR.

ROME, March 2.—The Pope this afternoon received in the Throne Room the members of the Sacred College and the Roman Prelates who presented His Holiness with congratulations upon the occasion of his birthday.

The Pontiff referred to the Holy Year celebrations and the demonstrations in honor of Giordano Bruno, the Italian philosopher, attributed the latter to the work of Satan.

He concluded with expressing his keen desire that blood would cease to flow in South Africa, "where two peoples, although brothers are slaughtering one another," and hoped they would soon meet and embrace in the arms of peace.

LONDON, March 2.—Up to 5 P. M. no official news of Lord Roberts's movements had been given out by the War Office, but it was stated in press despatches that he was marching on Bloemfontein. He is believed to have some 40,000 men of all arms and 100 guns with him. It will take at least three days to reach the Free State capital, and it is not expected that a battle on a large scale will occur before Wynburg is reached, another two days' march. At that point 30,000 Boers under Joubert are massing.

A despatch from Rensburg in Cape Colony states that the greater part of the inhabitants of Colesberg have been arrested as rebels. The Boers, some 6,000 strong, are reported to be in full retreat north, with a British force in hot pursuit.

In the Commons to-day the First Lord of the Treasury announced that the House would meet on Monday for the Budget statement. The announcement surprised the House and started considerable speculation, as it is unusual to introduce the Budget until after the close of the financial year, March 31.

The early Budget statement indicates that the Government needs money, and purposes obtaining part of the amount from the duty on bonded articles. The early statement gives the Chancellor of the Exchequer three weeks extra taxation on such articles, while the suddenness with which the matter was sprung only allows the owners half a day, Saturday, to take goods out of bond.

### 10 P. M. EXTRA

### BOERS ONLY FOUR MILES AWAY FROM THE BRITISH.

OSFONTEIN, March 2.—The Boers have now been definitely located 12 miles from the British front, their left resting on a high kopje and their right on the river. The British force is estimated at 5,000 or 6,000.

### MAIL ROBBER CAUGHT IN THEATRE

William Carr, twenty-two years old, who is charged with robbing the mails in Longshandridge of several thousands of dollars, was arrested this afternoon in the London Theatre on information given by a representative of The World.

He confessed the robbery, but said that all he got was \$350 in cash, a gold watch and some trinkets. A quantity of letters that he took from a pouch he declared he threw into the East River.

### RECEIVER GRANT CONSULTS JUDGE LACOMBE

Receiver Hugh J. Grant of the Third Avenue Railroad, had a long conference with Judge Henry F. Lacombe of the United States Circuit Court, this afternoon, in the Judge's chambers in the Federal Building. While nothing was made out about the suspensions, it is believed that Receiver Grant called to consult Judge Lacombe about the proposed issue of receiver's stock to pay off the mechanics' liens and complete the improvements on the railroad.

### M'GOVERN WILL NOT FIGHT O'BRIEN

Sam Harris, manager for Harry McGovern, says that his boy will not be matched against Jack O'Brien. "McGovern is an fighting lightweight," said Harris. "But if O'Brien would like a fight he can get one with George McFadden in about a week. And I'll bet \$1,000 that McFadden will win."

### LATE RESULTS AT NEW ORLEANS

FIFTH RACE—L. J. & A. H. H. 2. Ran 6:00. SIXTH RACE—Corral 1. Archer 2. Mr. Black 3.

### BRITISH ARMY MOVES NEARER BLOEMFONTEIN

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OSFONTEIN, Orange Free State, March 1—6.25 P. M.—The camp has been advanced five miles. A heavy rain is falling and the veidt is improving.

Osfontein is not marked on any available military map of the Orange Free State, but it has been mentioned as being east of Paardeberg, on the road to Bloemfontein. As all the late despatches from London indicate that Lord Roberts's march on the Free State capital, with some 30,000 men, has begun, Osfontein is probably the site of his new camp.

The significance of the fact that rain is falling and the veidt improving lies in the forage it gives for the horses and cattle.

### ROBERTS'S ADVANCE.

Part of Kelly-Kenny's Division Sent to Guard Line of Communication.

LONDON, March 2.—It is understood here that the advance on Bloemfontein, the Free State capital, has already begun. Lord Roberts and Gen. Kitchener are said to have put their army in motion and Gen. French's cavalry has been engaged with a Boer force east of Paardeberg. A part of the Boer army will guard the passes in the Drakensberg to prevent Buller's troops from breaking through from Natal.

A brigade of Gen. Kelly-Kenny's division has been sent to strengthen Lord Roberts's communication to the south and the movement of French's column is believed to be to clean out Boer commandos which might threaten Roberts's vanguard.

### BOER WOMEN FOUGHT.

Two Killed in Trenches at Tagela River—One Was Only Nineteen Years Old.

COLENSO CAMP, Wednesday, Feb. 28.—The Boers lost heavily during yesterday's fighting. The lyddite wrought fearful havoc in the trenches. Many of the wounded were quite yellow from the effects of the fumes.

Over a hundred prisoners were taken. Many of them were Hollanders and a few were genuine Boers. Considerable ammunition for rifles fell into the hands of the British, as well as a damaged Maxim gun. Boers of sixteen were among the wounded. The prisoners had not heard of the surrender of Gen. Cronje and discredited it. The majority seemed to be glad to be captured. They admit heavy losses recently.

The women remained with the Boers in the trenches until three hours before the British charged. Two women were found, one dead and the other shot near the heart. She has since died. She said her husband would not let her go, as she was such a good shot. The woman was only nineteen years old.

An idea of the intensity of the shell fire can be gathered from the fact that of the ninety-five guns in action the Nineteenth Battery alone fired 794 rounds, firing every ten seconds. The British casualties were about 300 men.

### FRENCH CLEARS WAY.

He Attacks the Boers in Front of Roberts's Advancing Army.

LONDON, March 2.—All eyes are once more toward Field Marshal Roberts and his advance on Orange Free State.